

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending. By this Amendment the specification is amended to correct an informality and to amend the title, Claims 7 and 9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8 are amended. The subject matter of the amendment to Claim 1 can be found at least in Fig. 14. Claim 5 is amended to incorporate subject matter disclosed at least in Fig. 15. Claims 6 and 8 are amended to incorporate subject matter disclosed at least in Figure 6. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the April 4, 2007 personal interview. The substance of the discussion held is incorporated into the amendments and remarks herein and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S.P. 6,927,797 to Gelbard, Claims 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP 09-127429 to Muramatsu and Claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Gelbard in view of Muramatsu. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Gelbard does not disclose the viewfinder including a display unit having a first optical axis and a lens block having a second optical axis different from the first optical axis as in amended independent Claim 1. Instead, as disclosed in Gelbard at col. 4, lines 23-28, the CRT 40 is in line with and directly in front of the optical axis of the optical lens system 50 of eye piece 48. As discussed in the specification at page 21, line 11 et seq. finder body 61 is a lens barrel having an inner space in which the mirror 64 and magnifier 65 are provided which prevents external

light from being incident upon the optical path along which the rays of light from the LCD panel 42 travel.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Muramatsu does not disclose a magnifier configured to be removably installable by a user to the viewfinder as in amended independent Claim 5. As discussed in the specification at page 25, line 2, when the magnifier 65 is removed from the finder block 33, it is possible to prevent the sunlight or the like from being condensed on the LCD panel 42 since the lens block 67 is provided in the magnifier 65. There exists no lens in the finder block 33. Also, even when the magnifier 65 is removed from the finder block 33 and left on a sheet of paper, it is possible to prevent the sunlight from being condensed and burning the paper. Instead, Muramatsu discloses only that the eye piece polarizer plate 6 and magnifying lens 5 may be installed together. However, there is no disclosure in Muramatsu that this assembly may be removed by a user once it has been put together. Muramatsu discloses a permanently installed assembly versus the removably installed assembly of Claim 5.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Muramatsu does not disclose or suggest a magnifier configured to be removably installable to the display unit as in amended independent Claims 6 and 8.

As shown in Fig. 6, finder block 33 is removable from display unit body 41. Muramatsu discloses only that LCD1 and magnifying lens 5 are installed together permanently with no disclosure that the assembly is configured to be removable by a user.

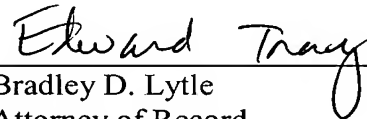
Gelbard does not provide the deficiencies of Muramatsu described above.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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